

Abraham Bosomworth to George Washington, August 9, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM CAPTAIN A. BOTOMWORTH.

CAMP AT RAYS TOWN 9th. Augst. 1758

DEAR SIR

I recd. your Canteens by the Waggon which brought up the Artillery & delivered them immediately to the Care of Capt. Stewart who informs me he forwarded them by Lt. Campbell the day they arrived. I wish you could have had them sooner, they cost £3.19.0 at Philada. / & 18s for their Carriage to Carlisle the Ballance due you Shall repay when I have the pleasure of seeing you again I'm afraid somebody has made free with two mustard Bottles as there seems a Deficiency, I had no particular accot. of the Contents therefor cant say what number of bottles there were Colo. Stephens is on Command upon the road over the Hills with a Detachment of 500 men from the whole, the remaining Companies of your Regt. all march to morrow upon the same Duty & Colo. Byrds. I believe I may with some Certainty tell you that the Destination of all the Troops is this way, I know that will not be agreeable to you and my Friend Colo. Byrd but we must Submit Sr. Jno. and some Engineers have reconnoitred as far as Lowalhannan¹ (within 50 miles of Du Quesne) and report it practicable to make a very good road, superior to Braddock's, the Genl. was to set off the 5th. from Carlisle we have two Waggoners Scalped and two wounded betwixt this & Lyttleton by two Separate Parties of Enemy Indians I have sent

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off two different Parties of Cherokees from hence to endeavour to intercept them excuse
extreme hurry and believe me with all Sincerity

Yr. most Obliged Hble Servt. A. BOTOMWORTH

Yesterday 48 of the Cherokees went away to their Nation.

1 Loyal Hannon.